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Maharashtra State Specific News

Miraj's Sitar and Tanpura Craftsmen Receive GI Tags



Context:

- Craftsmen in **Miraj**, renowned for their exceptional **sitars and tanpuras**, have recently received **geographical indication (GI) tags for their craftsmanship**.
- These artisans use **unique wood and pumpkin gourds** to create these musical instruments, contributing to Miraj's rich musical legacy.

About:

- The town, located in the **Sangli district**, has been a hub for crafting these instruments since the mid-nineteenth century.
- Miraj city has the tradition of making string instruments since **1850**.
- GI tags will boost the city on tourist map as the '**music city exporting string instruments**,'"

World Autism Awareness Day



Context:

- **World Autism Awareness Day** is observed annually on **April 2nd**
- It is a **UN-sanctioned day** to highlight the needs and rights of people with **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**.

It's a day to:

- **Raise awareness:** Increase public understanding of autism and the challenges faced by autistic individuals.
- **Promote acceptance:** Foster a more inclusive society where autistic people can thrive.
- **Celebrate strengths:** Recognize the unique talents and perspectives of the autistic community.

About:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**, or simply autism, is a developmental condition that impacts how people interact with the world around them.
- **It's characterized by:** Social communication challenges: Difficulty with social interaction, understanding nonverbal cues, or expressing oneself clearly.
- **Restricted interests and repetitive behaviors:** A focus on specific topics, repetitive movements (stimming), or an insistence on routines.

Theme:

- The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is '**Empowering Autistic Voices**'
- It aims at **providing more support and power to the individuals** with this condition, in order to ensure they lead a meaningful life and even pursue successful careers.



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Only 7% of health budget allocated for meds spent in 23-24'

Context:

- Barely 7% of Maharashtra's health budget allocated specifically for medicines and supplies was spent in 2023-24, said activists quoting data from the Budget Estimation, Allocation & Monitoring System (BEAMS)
- Their analysis showed that 71% of the public health department's budget and 52% of the medical education department's budget were spent in 2023-24.

Maharashtra secure men and women's titles in National Kho Kho Championships

Context:

- Maharashtra emerged victorious in both the men's and women's categories at the recently concluded 56th National Kho Kho Championships held in New Delhi.
- The men's final was a thriller, with Maharashtra edging past Railways in a close 52-50 contest.
- The women's category saw a more comfortable win for Maharashtra, defeating the Airport Authority of India 18-16.
- This impressive performance marks Maharashtra's dominance in the sport.



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